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Yet the writer believes that it is practicable, by efforts within ordinary abilities, properly assisted, to acquire a fair working knowledge of Code practice."

The work accordingly presents a logical arrangement of the subjects of which the Code treats, the many provisions upon one subject being collected from the various portions of the Code's tortuous length. Obscurities are made clear by explanations based upon the general rules of practice and the decisions of the courts. Beginning with the methods of commencing an action, the book considers the pleadings, the trial, the judgment, the parties to actions, incidental practice, evidence in its relation to procedure, provisional remedies, the so-called state-writs, and finally certain actions about which there are special regulations. Mr. Miller has put his material into such readable form that the book is a very interesting one. It is particularly valuable for preparation for bar examinations.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TRUSTS. A Description and Analysis of the American Trust Movement. By John Moody. New York: Moody Publishing Company. 1904. pp. 514. 8vo.

For readers seeking information regarding the investment standing of the industrial trusts, the present book, compiled from investors' journals, corporation manuals, and general periodicals, will prove valuable. It tells, by quotations from balance-sheets, prospectuses, and newspapers, the history and the present standing of seven of the chief trusts and eighty lesser trusts. It comprises accounts of present — though possibly ephemeral — interest regarding the industrial trusts in process of reorganization, and articles on the great railroad and public service systems. Accompanying these articles are several charts, and chapters upon particular phases of the trust problem. The charts which purport to trace the division of the industrial field between the Rockefeller and the Morgan interests, like most graphic explanations of hazy facts, are exaggerations, and do little more than reflect the newspaper gossip of the moment. The chapters on The Dominating Influences of the Trusts and The Chief Characteristics of the Trusts are cursory. The book commends itself by its elaborate statistics rather than by its discussion of the trust movement.

THE LIFE OF JOHN MARSHALL. By Henry Flanders. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson & Co. 1904. pp. x, 278. 8vo.

This is a republication in separate form of a life of Marshall which first appeared in the author's "Lives and Times of the Chief Justices," published in 1875. As that biography has persisted as a comprehensive and sympathetic handling of its great subject, the publishers are justified in making it more easily available. It is not so simply and beautifully told, perhaps, as the little biography by the late Professor Thayer, and one misses the discriminating treatment by his masterly hand of the position of the Chief Justice in constitutional law, but it contains a more minute account of Marshall's career, with numerous quotations from his speeches and opinions, and much of peculiar interest about his private life and character. As a frontispiece there is a reproduction in photogravure of the famous Inman portrait. Books of this sort give refreshing glimpses at the human side of the finding of the law by the courts.

THE CODE OF HAMMURABI, KING OF BABYLON. About 2250 B. C. Autographed text transliteration, translation, glossary, index of subjects; lists of proper names, signs, numerals, corrections and erasures, with map, frontispiece, and photograph of text. By Robert Francis Harper, Professor of Semitic Languages in the University of Chicago. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. London: Luzac & Company. 1904. pp. xv, 192. 102 plates. 8vo.